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For: MAIL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, MAIL DISTRIBUTION METHOD, AND MAIL

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Preliminary Amendment

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.